

**CHAPTER NO. 250**

**HOUSE BILL NO. 1697**

**By Representatives Odom, Patton, McMillan**

**Substituted for: Senate Bill No. 1848**

**By Senator Henry**

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 63, Chapter 22, Part 2, relative to clinical pastoral counselors.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 63-22-201(2), is amended by deleting the word "certified" and by substituting instead the word "licensed".

SECTION 2. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 63-22-202, is amended by deleting the first sentence of such section in its entirety and by substituting instead the following:

Except as specifically provided in § 63-22-204, beginning January 1, 2004, no person who is not licensed as a clinical pastoral therapist under this chapter shall:

SECTION 3. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 63-22-202(a), is amended in subdivisions (1) and (2) by deleting the word "certified" wherever it may be found and by substituting instead the word "licensed".

SECTION 4. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 63-22-203, is amended by deleting the first sentence in its entirety and by substituting instead the following:

An applicant for licensure as a licensed clinical pastoral therapist shall pay the board a nonrefundable fee as set by the board and shall satisfy the board that the applicant:

SECTION 5. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 63-22-204, is amended in the second sentence of subsection (a) by deleting the word "certified" wherever it may be found and by substituting instead the word "licensed".

SECTION 6. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 63-22-205(a), is amended by deleting the word "certification" and the word "certify" and by substituting instead the word "licensure" and the word "license" as appropriate.

SECTION 7. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 63-22-205(b), is amended by deleting the word "certify" and by substituting instead the word "license".

SECTION 8. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 63-22-205(c), is amended in the first sentence by deleting the word "certify" and by substituting instead the word "license".

SECTION 9. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 63-22-205(c), is further amended in subdivision (1) by deleting the language "Certified as a member of" and by substituting instead the language "Certified as a clinical member of".

SECTION 10. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 63-22-205(c), is further amended in subdivision (2) by deleting the language "that certification" and by substituting instead the language "AAPC certification".

SECTION 11. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 63-22-206, is amended by deleting such section in its entirety and by substituting instead the following:

Section 63-22-206.

(a) Until January 1, 2006, applicants who fulfill at least one (1) of the following conditions shall be entitled to receive a license as a licensed clinical pastoral therapist:

(1) Hold current certification as a clinical pastoral therapist. Such certification must be lawfully issued by the board and not be suspended or revoked;

(2) Document satisfaction of the requirements of § 63-22-203(1)-(4) only;

(3) Document current active status as a fellow or diplomate of AAPC and being actively engaged in the practice of pastoral psychotherapy for at least five (5) years prior to January 1, 2003; or

(4) Document having received a graduate theological degree from a recognized educational institution and being currently licensed in Tennessee as a psychologist designated as a health service provider, a professional counselor designated as a mental health service provider, a marital and family therapist, a clinical social worker, or an alcohol and drug abuse counselor, and, in addition, document being actively engaged in the practice of clinical pastoral therapy for at least five (5) years prior to January 1, 2003.

(b) Persons who qualify for licensure as a clinical pastoral therapist pursuant to this section shall provide satisfactory proof to the board of such qualification. The board shall issue a license as a licensed clinical pastoral therapist to those persons who meet the qualifications of subsection (a) and who submit required proof of such qualifications.

SECTION 12. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 63-22-201, is amended by adding a new item to be appropriately designated:

( ) "Licensed clinical pastoral therapist" means a person who has met the qualifications for a licensed clinical pastoral therapist and who holds a current, unsuspended or unrevoked license that has been issued lawfully by the board;

SECTION 13. Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 63, Chapter 22, Part 2, is amended by adding a new section thereto, as follows:

Section 63-22-207. A person who is certified as a certified clinical pastoral therapist upon the effective date of this act shall be issued a license as a licensed clinical pastoral therapist when such person's certification is renewed or

upon request of such person before the expiration of such person's current certification.

SECTION 14. This act shall take effect upon becoming a law, the public welfare requiring it.

**PASSED: May 19, 2003**



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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES



JOHN S. WILDER  
SPEAKER OF THE SENATE

**APPROVED this 3<sup>rd</sup> day of June 2003**



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